

Claims

1. An adaptive antenna radio communication device comprising:

an array antenna made up of a plurality of antenna elements
5 receiving high frequency signals that are transmitted by multi-carrier;

a demultiplexer for demultiplexing the signal received by said respective antenna elements to a plurality of sub-carrier signals;

10 N_d divided band direction estimating units for estimating the direction-of-arrival of a radio wave by dividing the entire communication band being said multi-carrier transmitted into N_d bands (however, N_d is 2 or more or a positive integer less than the number of sub-carriers used for multi-carrier
15 transmission) and using sub-carrier signals belonging to the respective divided bands;

a divided band array weight creating unit for creating a weight of a receive array having a directional beam in the direction of estimation by said divided band direction
20 estimating unit for said respective divided bands;

a sub-carrier directivity creating unit for creating a directivity by multiplication-combining the receive array weight created in each divided band with the corresponding sub-carrier signal belonging to the divided band; and

25 a demodulating unit for demodulating data by using the

output of said sub-carrier directivity creating unit.

2. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 1,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit calculates
5 pilot signal correlation values with the respective input
sub-carrier signals using a known pilot signal embedded in a
sub-carrier signal, and estimates the direction-of-arrival
based on the correlation values of the pilot signal correlation
values calculated between the same sub-carrier signals received
10 by different antenna elements.

3. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 2,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates
the direction-of-arrival using correlation matrices
15 integrating correlation matrices of the respective
sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals.

4. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 2,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates
20 the direction-of-arrival using a correlation matrix R expressed
as $R = V_1 V_1^H + V_2 V_2^H + \dots + V_L V_L^H$ where L is the number of
sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals; V_k is a column
vector having a pilot signal correlation value as an m -th element
in the m -th antenna element with respect to the k -th sub-carrier
25 signal; and H is a complex conjugate transposed operator.

5. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 2,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates the direction-of-arrival by using a correlation vector
5 integrating correlation vectors of the respective sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals.

6. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 2,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates
10 the direction-of-arrival using a correlation vector z expressed as $z = V_{1X} * V_1 + V_{2X} * V_2 + \dots + V_{LX} * V_L$ where L is the number of sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals; V_k is a column vector having a pilot signal correlation value as an m -th element in the m -th antenna element with respect to the k -th sub-carrier
15 signal; V_{kx} is an x -th element of said column vector V_k (however, x is a positive integer less than the number of antenna elements); and $*$ is a complex conjugate operator.

7. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 1,

20 wherein said divided band direction estimating unit further has a path search unit for calculating a delay profile by calculating a cross correlation between respective input sub-carrier signals using a known pilot signal embedded in the sub-carrier signal and detecting a plurality of path arrival
25 timings from the delay profile, and estimates the

direction-of-arrival based on the correlation value of the pilot signal correlation value calculated between the same sub-carrier signals received by different antenna elements in the respective path arrival timing.

5 8. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 7,

 wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates the direction-of-arrival using a correlation matrix integrating correlation matrices of the respective
10 sub-carriers detected in the respective sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals.

 9. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 7,

 wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates
15 the direction-of-arrival using a correlation matrix R expressed as

$$R = \sum_{k=1}^L \sum_{p=1}^S V_k(p) V_k(p)^H$$

 where L is the number of sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals; $V_k(p)$ is a column vector having the pilot
20 signal correlation values as an m -th element in the m -th antenna element of the p -th arrival path (the number of whole arrival paths is specified as S) with respect to the k -th sub-carrier signal; and H is a complex conjugate transposed operator.

 10. The adaptive antenna radio communication device

according to claim 7,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates the direction-of-arrival using a correlation vector integrating correlation vectors of the respective sub-carriers detected in the respective sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals.

11. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 7,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates the direction-of-arrival using a correlation vector z expressed as

$$z = \sum_{k=1}^L \sum_{p=1}^S V_{kx}(p) * V_k(p)$$

where L is the number of sub-carriers belonging to the sub-carrier signals; $V_k(p)$ is a column vector having the pilot signal correlation values as an m -th element in the m -th antenna element of the p -th arrival path (the number of whole arrival paths is specified as S) with respect to the k -th sub-carrier signal and $*$ is a complex conjugate operator.

12. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 3,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates the direction-of-arrival by any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method using said correlation matrix R .

13. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 8,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit estimates the direction-of-arrival by any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method or Fourier method using said correlation matrix R.

14. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 3,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit has a spatial smoothing processing unit for performing spatial smoothing processing on the correlation matrix R and estimates the direction-of-arrival by using any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from the spatial smoothing processing unit.

15. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 5,

wherein said divided band direction estimating unit has a spatial smoothing processing unit for performing spatial smoothing processing on said correlation matrix R and estimates the direction-of-arrival by using any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from said spatial smoothing processing unit.

16. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 7, wherein said divided band direction estimating unit has a spatial smoothing processing unit for

performing spatial smoothing processing on the correlation matrix R and estimates the direction-of-arrival by using any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from the spatial smoothing processing unit.

5 17. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 8, wherein the divided band direction estimating unit has a spatial smoothing processing unit for performing spatial smoothing processing on the correlation matrix R and estimates the direction-of-arrival by using any
10 one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from the spatial smoothing processing unit.

 18. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 3,

 wherein said divided band direction estimating unit has a
15 unitary converting unit for performing unitary conversion processing on the correlation matrix R and estimates the direction-of-arrival by using any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from the unitary converting unit.

20 19. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 5,

 wherein said divided band direction estimating unit has a unitary converting unit for performing unitary conversion processing on the correlation matrix R and estimates the
25 direction-of-arrival by using any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT

method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from the unitary converting unit.

20. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 7,

5 wherein said divided band direction estimating unit has a unitary converting unit for performing unitary conversion processing on the correlation matrix R and estimates the direction-of-arrival by using any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from the
10 unitary converting unit.

21. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 8,

 wherein said divided band direction estimating unit has a unitary converting unit for performing unitary conversion
15 processing on the correlation matrix R and estimates the direction-of-arrival by using any one of the MUSIC method, ESPRIT method, CAPON method and Fourier method to the output from the unitary converting unit.

22. An adaptive antenna radio communication device
20 comprising:

 an array antenna made up of a plurality of antenna elements receiving high frequency signals that are transmitted by multi-carrier;

 a demultiplexer for demultiplexing the signal received
25 by the respective antenna elements to a plurality of sub-carrier

signals;

an entire band direction estimating unit for estimating the direction-of-arrival using sub-carrier signals in the entire communication band being multi-carrier transmitted;

5 N_d divided band direction estimating units for estimating the direction-of-arrival of a radio wave by dividing the entire communication band into N_d bands (however, N_d is 2 or more, or a positive integer less than the number of sub-carriers used for multi-carrier transmission) and using sub-carrier signals
10 belonging to the respective divided bands;

a direction estimation result selecting unit for selecting and outputting an estimation value of said entire band direction estimating unit when the deviation of the direction estimation results in said N_d divided band direction
15 estimating units is less than the predetermined value, and for outputting an estimation value of said divided band direction estimating unit when the deviation is greater than the predetermined value; and

a divided band array weight creating unit for creating
20 a weight of a receive array having a directional beam in the direction of estimation using the output of said direction estimation result selecting unit.

23. An adaptive antenna radio communication device comprising:

25 an array antenna made up of a plurality of antenna elements

receiving high frequency signals that are transmitted by multi-carrier;

a demultiplexer for demultiplexing the signal received by said respective antenna elements to a plurality of sub-carrier
5 signals;

an entire band direction estimating unit for estimating the direction-of-arrival using sub-carrier signals in the entire communication band being multi-carrier transmitted;

N_d divided band direction estimating units for dividing
10 the entire communication band into N_d bands (however, N_d is 2 or more, or a positive integer less than the number of sub-carriers used for multi-carrier transmission) and estimating the direction-of-arrival of a radio wave by using sub-carrier signals belonging to the respective divided bands;

15 a direction estimation result selecting unit for detecting an angle spread from the spatial profile calculated in said entire band direction estimating unit, for selecting and outputting an estimation value of said entire band direction estimating unit when the angle spread is less than the
20 predetermined value, or outputting an estimation value of the divided band direction estimating unit when the angle spread is greater than the predetermined value; and

a divided band array weight creating unit for creating
a weight of a receive array having a directional beam in the
25 direction of estimation using the output of said direction

estimation result selecting unit.

24. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 22, further comprising:

in a radio system being multi-carrier transmitted in a
5 time division duplex (TDD) method or a frequency division duplex
(FDD) method,

a sub-carrier transmission weight creating unit for
calculating a weight of a transmission array that forms a
transmitting directional beam in the respective divided bands
10 based on the estimated direction result selected by said
direction estimation result selecting unit; and

a sub-carrier transmission directivity creating unit for
transmitting a directional beam being multiplied the
transmitting sub-carrier signal by the transmission array
15 weight in the respective divided bands.

25. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 23, further comprising:

in a radio system being multi-carrier transmitted in a
time division duplex (TDD) method or a frequency division duplex
20 (FDD) method,

a sub-carrier transmission weight creating unit for
calculating a weight of a transmission array that forms a
transmitting directional beam in the respective divided bands
based on the estimated direction result selected by said
25 direction estimation result selecting unit; and

a sub-carrier transmission directivity creating unit for transmitting a directional beam being multiplied the transmitting sub-carrier signal by the weight of the transmission array in the respective divided bands.

5 26. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 1, further comprising:

in a radio system being multi-carrier transmitted in a time division duplex (TDD) method,

10 a sub-carrier transmission weight creating unit using a weight of a receive array created in the divided band array weight creating unit as a weight of a transmission array; and

a sub-carrier transmission directivity creating unit for transmitting a directional beam using a weight of a transmission array common to the respective divided bands.

15 27. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 1, further comprising:

in a radio system being multi-carrier transmitted in a time division duplex (TDD) method or a frequency division duplex (FDD) method,

20 a sub-carrier transmission weight creating unit for calculating a weight of a transmission array in order to create a transmitting directional beam in the direction of estimation giving maximum received power among all directions of estimation by said divided band direction estimating units; and

25 a sub-carrier transmission directivity creating unit for

transmitting a directional beam common to the entire divided band using the weight of the transmission array.

28. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 1, further comprising:

5 in a radio system being multi-carrier transmitted in a time division duplex (TDD) method or a frequency division duplex (FDD) method,

 a sub-carrier transmission weight creating unit for calculating a deviation of the estimation direction outputted
10 from said divided band direction estimating unit, calculating a weight of a transmission array for creating a transmitting directional beam in the average direction of direction estimation values outputted from all of said divided band direction estimating units when the deviation is less than the
15 predetermined value, or calculating the weight of the transmission array in the direction of estimation giving a predetermined number of the upper received power among all of the divided bands when the deviation is greater than the predetermined value.

20 29. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 1,

 wherein the multi-carrier transmission uses sub-carrier signals to which orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) is applied.

25 30. The adaptive antenna radio communication device

according to claim 22,

wherein the multi-carrier transmission uses sub-carrier signals to which orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) is applied.

5 31. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 23,

wherein the multi-carrier transmission uses sub-carrier signals to which orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) is applied.

10 32. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 1,

wherein the multi-carrier transmission uses sub-carrier signals in which users multiplex by code division in the direction of frequency axis or time axis.

15 33. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 22,

wherein the multi-carrier transmission uses sub-carrier signals in which users multiplex by code division in the direction of frequency axis or time axis.

20 34. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 23,

wherein the multi-carrier transmission uses sub-carrier signals in which users multiplex by code division in the direction of frequency axis or time axis.

25 35. The adaptive antenna radio communication device

according to claim 32,

wherein a weight of a transmission array or a weight of a receive array is created for the respective multiplexed users for directional receiving.

5 36. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 33,

wherein a weight of a transmission array or a weight of a receive array is created for the respective multiplexed users for directional receiving.

10 37. An adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 34,

wherein a weight of a transmission array or a weight of a receive array is created for the respective multiplexed users for directional receiving.

15 38. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 35,

wherein said divided band array weight creating unit has a directional beam in the direction estimation result of the divided band direction estimating unit in its divided band
20 and creates a weight of a receive array for creating a null in the estimation direction of other multiplexed users.

39. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 36,

wherein said divided band array weight creating unit
25 has a directional beam in the direction estimation result of

the divided band direction estimating unit in its divided band and creates a weight of a receive array for creating a null in the estimation direction of other multiplexed users.

40. The adaptive antenna radio communication device
5 according to claim 37,

wherein said divided band array weight creating unit has a directional beam in the direction estimation result of the divided band direction estimating unit in its divided band and creates a weight of a receive array for creating a null
10 in the estimation direction of other multiplexed users.

41. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 35,

wherein said sub-carrier transmission weight creating unit has a directional beam in the direction of a desired user
15 and creates a weight of a transmission array for creating a null in the direction of other multiplexed users.

42. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 36,

wherein said sub-carrier transmission weight creating
20 unit has a directional beam in the direction of a desired user and creates a weight of a transmission array for creating a null in the direction of other multiplexed users.

43. The adaptive antenna radio communication device according to claim 37,

25 wherein said sub-carrier transmission weight creating

unit has a directional beam in the direction of a desired user and creates a weight of a transmission array for creating a null in the direction of other multiplexed users.